

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JASON MORRIS PEGO,

Defendant.

Case: 1:22-cr-20285
Judge: Ludington, Thomas L.
MJ: Morris, Patricia T.
Filed: 06-01-2022 At 03:53 PM
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INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE
(18 U.S.C. §§ 2241(c), 1151 and 1153)
(Aggravated Sexual Abuse)

On or about December 8, 2016, to on or about December 7, 2017, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, within Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1151, that is, the Isabella Reservation, **Jason Morris Pego**, an Indian, knowingly engaged in a sexual act with Minor Victim-1, a child who had not attained the age of 12 years, that is, **Jason Morris Pego** intentionally touched the genitalia of Minor Victim-1, not through the clothing by hand and finger, with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2241(c), 1151, and 1153.

COUNT TWO
(18 U.S.C. §§ 2241(c), 1151 and 1153)
(Aggravated Sexual Abuse)

In or around May 2020, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, within Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1151, that is, the Isabella Reservation, **Jason Morris Pego**, an Indian, knowingly engaged in a sexual act with Minor Victim-1, a child who had not attained the age of 12 years, that is, **Jason Morris Pego** intentionally made contact with the vulva of Minor Victim-1 with his penis, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2241(c), 1151, and 1153.

COUNT THREE
(18 U.S.C. §§ 2243(a), 1151 and 1153)
(Sexual Abuse of a Minor)

In or around May 2022, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, within Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1151, that is, the Isabella Reservation, **Jason Morris Pego**, an Indian, knowingly engaged in a sexual act with Minor Victim-1, a child who attained the age of 12 years but had not attained the age of 16 years and who was at least four years younger than **Jason Morris Pego**, that is, **Jason Morris Pego** intentionally touched the genitalia of Minor Victim-1, not through the clothing by hand and finger, intentionally contacted Minor Victim-1's vagina with his mouth, and intentionally contacted and penetrated, however slight, Minor Victim-1's vulva and vagina with his penis, all

with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2243(a), 1151 and 1153.

COUNT FOUR
(18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3))
(Witness Tampering)

In or around June 2017 to May 2022, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, **Jason Morris Pego**, knowingly intimidated, threatened, and corruptly persuaded Minor Victim-1, or attempted to do so, with the intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the communication to a law enforcement officer or judge of the United States of information relating to the commission or possible commission of a Federal offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3).

COUNT FIVE
(18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3))
(Witness Tampering)

In or around June 2017 to May 2022, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, **Jason Morris Pego**, knowingly intimidated, threatened, and corruptly persuaded Minor Victim-2, or attempted to do so, with the intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the communication to a law enforcement officer or judge of the United States of information relating to the commission or possible commission of a Federal offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3).

Dated: June 1, 2022

THIS IS A TRUE BILL.

s/Grand Jury Foreperson
GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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Companion Case Information	Companion Case Number:
This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) ¹ :	Judge Assigned:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes x No	AUSA's Initials: RRK

Case Title: USA v. JASON MORRIS PEGO**County where offense occurred:** Isabella**Check One:** ☒ **Felony** ☐ **Misdemeanor** ☐ **Petty**

☒ Indictment/___ Information --- **no** prior complaint.
☐ Indictment/___ Information --- based upon prior complaint []
☐ Indictment/___ Information --- based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [Complete Superseding section below].

Superseding Case Information**Superseding to Case No:** _____ **Judge:** _____

- ☐ Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.
☐ Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.
☐ Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

Defendant name**Charges****Prior Complaint (if applicable)****Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.**

Date: June 1, 2022

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